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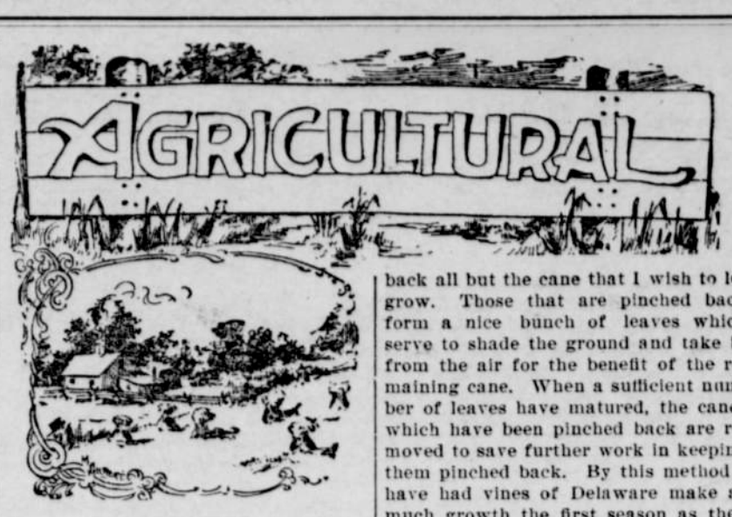



**The Angora Goat.**

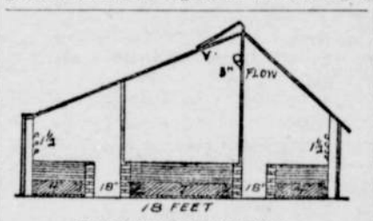
The accompanying picture shows what the Angora goat is like. Its chief value is in its fleece, which supplies a material known as mohair, that is now largely used in manufactures for serges and coarser woolen goods, braids and bindings, for which no sheep wool is fitted. It is of African

ANGORA GOATS.

origin, being kept in large flocks in that part of northern Africa known as Dongola, a part of the Soudan, where the British armies recently subdued the barbarous Dervishes. The skins of this kind of goat are extensively used for leather, of which the Dongola kid shoes for women are made. There is a large amount of the wool and skins imported into every civilized country, and especially into North America, where women and children do not go barefoot, and need light shoes. There is an extensive interest arisen of late in the United States in regard to this goat, and large flocks of them are being formed in many localities.

**Greenhouse Plan.**

A plan of a greenhouse and the arrangement of pipes for heating is shown in the accompanying cut. The width is eighteen feet, the length as may be desired. The walls are four feet high. The benches are set on the ground and are eighteen inches high;

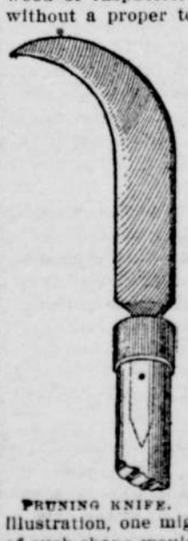



PLAN OF GREENHOUSE.

the side ones are four feet wide and the middle ones seven. The dark space in the benches represent the filling of stones or broken bricks for drainage of the beds. There are seven distributing heat pipes, one three inches in diameter at the top, which branches into four inch and a half pipes on the north side, and three on the south. Whether steam or hot water be used, the pipes must slope sufficiently to cause the water to flow in a steady current. The depth of soil in the benches is ten inches. The best way to heat a house of this kind is by steam. The steam is condensed on its passage and the water is returned to the boiler, thus forming a steady circuit through the pipes.

**Good Pruning Knife.**

Any one having tried to cut the old wood of raspberries and blackberries without a proper tool knows that the job is anything but a pleasant one. The force necessary to cut an old woody cane is sometimes quite enough to pull up a whole raspberry plant. To make cutting easy one should draw the knife across the object to be cut. A writer in Farm and Fireside says: I have lately come across a knife that works well. I have tested it and find it superior to anything I have seen. Looking at the accompanying illustration, one might suppose a knife of such shape would slip off instead of cutting. But that is not so. In testing it one will be surprised how nicely it will do the cutting. It will slip just enough to give the drawing motion, and thus it will sever the hard cane from the stub with the least outlay of strength. The illustration represents the shape of the knife exactly as it should be. A good blacksmith should be able to make one out of a wornout flat file. It should be inserted in an old hoe handle, or something of that order.



PRUNING KNIFE.

**Starting Grape Vines.**

I have had good success in inducing young grape vines to make a vigorous growth the first year by the following method: When set they are cut back to two or three eyes and from these they usually start a number of canes. Some let all of these grow the first season, others remove all but one. I do neither. Any plant to make a good growth needs plenty of leaves. When my vines start into growth in the spring I pinch back all but the cane that I wish to let grow. Those that are pinched back form a nice bunch of leaves which serve to shade the ground and take in from the air for the benefit of the remaining cane. When a sufficient number of leaves have matured, the canes which have been pinched back are removed to save further work in keeping them pinched back. By this method I have had vines of Delaware make as much growth the first season as they usually do in two.—Burrell Stephens.

**First Principles with Bees.**

Bees when frightened by smoke will immediately gorge themselves with honey and lose all inclination to sting.

The most vicious colony of hybrids may be controlled by using a little tobacco in the smoke.

The prosperity of a colony depends upon the fertility of the queen. If weak colonies have become populous in one season kill the queen and give them another.

Toads, skunks and mice are great enemies to bees; see that they do not have access to the apiary.

Increasing or dividing should be done as early as possible, but not until stores are coming in abundantly.

Drones are just as essential as any other bee, but too many are a nuisance. This may be controlled by cutting out drone comb and substituting worker comb or foundation.

Drones may be prohibited in objectionable colonies by dividing early in the spring.

"Keep all colonies strong."

**Care of Milk and Churning.**

As soon as drawn from the cow, put the milk where no bad odors can reach it, or better, as soon as a pail is filled strain it into the can and place in a tank of cold water or run through the separator, if one is used. If ice is plentiful, reduce the temperature of the water to 45 degrees and practically all the cream will be obtained. Do not mix the night's and morning's milk if the best grade of butter is expected. Change the water in the tank often enough to prevent its becoming foul. If the water is kept at about 55 degrees, practically all the cream will rise in twenty-four hours. Skim, and when enough is obtained for a churning, raise to a temperature of 60 to 65 degrees to ripen. Hasten the ripening by using sour skim milk as a starter. In winter churn at 65 degrees; in summer 55 to 60 is preferable. As soon as the granules are the size of wheat grains, draw off and wash until all the buttermilk is removed. Work, salt and market as soon as possible. If you are so unfortunate as to get a poor grade of butter it must be consumed at once or it will soon be unfit for use.

**Growing Corn.**

Prepare your ground with a fine pulverized surface. Mark rows 3 feet 6 inches to 3 feet 8 inches apart. Plant either in hills or drill rows. When your corn is large enough to plow, commence by plowing the first row on the side of the field. Skip every other row. When you have gone over the entire field in this way commence plowing the rows which have been missed. I find that by this method it is much easier to turn without breaking down corn at the ends, especially so after corn is knee high or higher. In dry hot weather this method of plowing keeps down the weeds better, and is less injurious to the roots of the corn. This method retains the moisture much better than plowing the rows as they come. We are able also to kill weeds in the center of rows much more readily because those that have not died as the result of the first plowing may be killed on the second.—S. A. Hofman.

**Crops that Pay Best.**

Small farms can be made to combine many advantages. Some poultrymen grow plums in the poultry yards, and also keep bees. Others grow early vegetables under glass and also grow two or three crops in the open ground. One gardener near Philadelphia makes a large profit on four acres, on which he grows only lima beans. Another makes peas a specialty, following the peas with late cabbage. To attempt to "farm" four acres in the usual way, with wheat, corn, oats, etc., would cause bankruptcy. The crops that pay best are those that require the most hand labor.

**The English Sparrow.**

A law has been enacted in France exempting the sparrow from the protection which is given to insect-eating birds, and the farmers are declaring a war of extermination against them. The evidence of experts was taken who had examined the contents of the stomachs of hundreds if not thousands of them, killed at various seasons of the year, and they all pronounced them injurious to farmers as being grain eaters and also destructive of fruits and leaf buds, and that the insects they ate were but few, and not among those most troublesome in gardens and orchards.

**Farm Economy.**

Economy on the farm is where the profits are made. The utilization of foods that are usually wasted will permit of keeping more stock and cheapening the cost of production. A leading New York farmer states that the saving of only 1 cent a day on the cost of each cow in the State would amount to over $6,000,000 a year. The gain of only one quart of milk a day would make an additional profit of $12,000,000 in one year.

## MADE A LIVING BY MARRYING.

**Young Couple Worked the Continuous Performance at Country Fairs.**

"I am afraid that this is a very wicked world," said a well-known minister of the gospel, with a smile. "My congregation was kind enough to offer me a vacation last fall and I seized upon the opportunity to visit the little towns in the State where I was formerly located and renew old acquaintances. At one of the towns that I visited a country fair was being held and I received an invitation to visit the grounds and perform a wedding that had been put forward as one of the leading attractions of the week. The business men of the town had contributed liberally toward wedding presents which were to go to the first couple who would come forward and agree to be married on the grounds. A couple having volunteered, I was asked to perform the ceremony. I accepted the invitation and married them in the midst of a cheering crowd.

"A week later I was in another small town, and it so happened that a fair was in progress there, too, and a wedding was the star attraction. I chanced to visit the grounds during the day, and the minister who had been engaged to perform the ceremony failing to appear I was called upon to act in his place.

"When I faced the couple I was thunderstruck to find that they were the same people that I had married a week before. I was so surprised that I married them again without having time to think whether I was doing right or wrong.

"After the ceremony the groom got me to one side and asked me as a favor not to give him away, using his language. He said they made a business of going around country fairs getting married, and a word from me would spoil it all. He said further that they were going up in a balloon to be married the following week, and he would get me the 'job' if I wanted it. But I had to decline as politely as I could. I really think he was disappointed when I refused."—Detroit Free Press.

## RECENT INVENTIONS.

Two Westerners have designed a parcel rest and seat annex for bicycles, having auxiliary forks extending vertically from each axle, with broad seats secured to the top bar of the frame, to extend horizontally and meet the upright supports.

A New-Yorker has designed a new secret ballot, which is intended to be sealed by the voter before he leaves the booth, the ticket being shaped like an envelope with the blanks inside, one flap being perforated and detached after the voter has written his name thereon.

Photographers can find use for a new device for taking babies' pictures comprising a sofa with a vertical piece attached to the back, the latter being provided with an opening near the center through which persons in the rear can put their hands and hold the baby on the sofa.

To provide cool filtered water for drinking purposes a new refrigerator attachment is shaped like a sprinkling pot, with a filtering medium in the spout, which is placed under the ice-chamber outlet, allowing the water to filter into the pail and be drawn through a spigot for use.

To easily adjust new sleeves at any desired height a new attachment consists of a cord or tape looped through two eyelets in the sleeve, with a clamping hook on one end to bind the opposite, and as it is drawn through, the loose end being pulled until the sleeve is taken up to the proper height.

Lamps can be lighted without removing the chimney when the latter is provided with a Southern man's device, a hole being cut in the bottom of the chimney for the insertion of a short tube flanged at one end and provided with a spring gate through which the match is pushed to touch the wick.

**The Prince Bored Her.**

Here is the latest anecdote concerning the Prince of Wales. A young lady was presented to him at a social function. Not knowing how long she should talk to him, she naively requested him to tell her when she should leave him. "On the contrary," said the Prince, "it is for you to tell me when you are bored." Later his royal highness asked where the young lady was born. "At Glasgow. I have lived there all my life." "How many years did you say you lived there?" inquired the Prince. "I am bored, sir," said the lady quietly. —Collier's Weekly.

**Corporal Punishment in Court.**

Five small boys shrieked in Justice Murray's court in West Haverstraw, N. Y., while their parents thrashed them. The parents were carrying out a sentence of the court. For fifteen minutes the punishment lasted. The boys had been hauled into court for throwing stones at passenger trains. Justice Murray gave the parents the alternative of paying a $5 fine for each boy and whipping in court, or seeing him sent to the House of Refuge.

**No Native Nebraskan in Congress.**

There is no native of the State or Nebraska among its representatives in either branch of Congress, notwithstanding the fact that Nebraska became a State thirty-three years ago and was the twenty-fourth admitted into the Union.

**Cooked Food Supplied in Berlin.**

A society has been formed in Berlin which purposes to deliver cooked food to poor families at the cheapest possible prices. All sorts of boiled and roasted meats and vegetables are sold on the streets. The soup wagons receive the biggest patronage.

**Rewards for Andree Relics.**

Notice has been received at the Swedish and Norwegian consulate in New York that the king of Sweden and Norway has decdied to reward persons who have found objects belonging to the Andree polar expedition, and that a fund has been set aside for rewards for persons who may hereafter find objects from the expedition. It is supposed that the hope of reward is meant to be an incentive to whalers and other mariners who go far north to search for traces of the explorer and penetrate places out of the beaten path for that purpose.

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**Its Saddest Aspect.**

The Liverpool Post, calling attention to the report of Dr. Wiglesworth on the Rainhill asylum, says: "The evil of drunkenness has many sad aspects. But perhaps the saddest of all is the fact that as drunkenness increases so does insanity. Last year 186 patients were admitted to the asylum as a result of drunken excess. Of these 78 were women. During the year 38 recovered and were discharged. At the end of December over 130 remained, of whom less than 50 are regarded as curable. This refers to one year only and to one asylum."

**Decision of Character.**

Without decision of character no man or woman ever amounts to much. —Chicao Daily News.

That operators shall at no time withhold more than two weeks' wages from miners is a recent mandate expressed by the Iowa state senate.

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